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PROMINENT PIONEER, W. E. MERCER PASSES

Strathmore and District lost another oldtimer in the person of Walter Edward Mercer, J. P.

Mr. Mercer was born in Northwich County of Cheshire, England. He was manager of the Bolton Co-operative Societies Tailoring Department at Bolton, Lancashire, England prior to coming to Canada.

In May 1911 he settled in the Strathmore District where he and Mrs. Mercer "who predeceased him in 1927" resided on the well known "Lake Bungallow Ranch" near Nightingale, which had previously been purchased in 1910.

In 1912 Mr. Mercer again became interested in the Tailoring Trade, in Calgary, going into partnership with R. H. Williams, making the firm of Williams and Mercer, Ladies Tailors, sometime later starting his own business under the name of "Mercer Tailoring".

He gave up his business interests in Calgary in 1922 and resided at the Farm until his death.

Mr. Mercer was an ardent Free Mason being a member of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, the Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. and A. M. The Otoukwan Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Calgary, Bow River Lodge A. F. and A. M. Calgary and the Strathmore Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He was Councillor of Keoma M.D. 246 for a period of nine years. He was at one time a Director of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool, and was a Justice of the Peace of the Province of Alberta, for some years.

He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Holt of Bolton, England, who was visiting him at the

time of his death, and Mrs. J. A. Longley of Calgary, and four sons, names of New Westminster, B.C., Nevil of Calgary, Alberta and Walter at the Ranch. Also eleven grandchildren. Mr. Mercer was a member of the Church of England.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. A. Ford, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Strathmore, at Jacques Funeral Home, Strathmore, February 5th, burial being made in the Family Plot, Burnside Cemetery, Calgary.

Pallbearers were members of the Strathmore Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. They were Messrs. R. E. Gray, T. S. Hughes, T. E. H. Patterson, Sam Slater, Sr., S. C. Sorensen, and T. E. Wright.

Mr. Mercer was a great believer in Canada for Canadians, and supported all co-operative principles.

He was a worthy citizen, and the community at large is much the better for his having resided therein, and taking a very active part in all progressive movements.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. MICHAEL'S

Despite a bitterly cold night, more than 40 Parishioners of St. Michael's Parish sat down to a delicious supper served by the W. A. in the Dining Room of the Memorial Hall on January 29th. After supper, a short musical interlude of Community singing was enjoyed together with two delightfully rendered solos by Francis Bennett.

The business of the evening got under way with the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and the reading of reports from the Church officers and organizations. Reports were read showing organizations to be in fine healthy condition. Votes of thanks were passed to the following: The W. A., the Junior Choir, and Mrs. Isard, the Sunday School teachers, the Auditor, the Strathmore Standard, the Envelope Secretary: Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Tew and the Ladies who assisted them in the supper; to the Secretary, Mr. J. E. Colpoys; to Mr. Doug Brook for the use of the School; to Mr. and Mrs. Ford.

Elections then took place resulting in the following:— Rector's Warden, R. T. Colpoys; People's Warden, S. H. Crowther; Delegates to Synod, G. H. Patrick, H. T. Colpoys; Alternates: C. H. Harvey, H. W. Berry; Vestrymen, W. H. Moran, L. A. Roberts, F. Bisacre, S. F. Slater, T. Hayne, C. R. Gladden; Auditor, R. A. Ferguson.

RE-ELECT COUNCILLORS ROBERTS & PALARDY

NO ELECTION NECESSARY IN STRATHMORE

Nomination day for both Town Council and the Strathmore School Board, No 1587 were held on Monday of this week.

Only nominations received for Councillor were those for the two retiring councillors L. A. Roberts and George Palardy. This means that these two councillors are elected by acclamation, and no election will be necessary.

In the case of the School Board, nominations were also received for the two retiring members, Dr. J. Giffen, and G. E. Quirin, but Mr. Quirin

No Attendance at Town Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Town of Strathmore, called for Tuesday evening, prior to the regular meeting of the Town Council, evinced no interest from the ratepayers of Strathmore. Not one turned up either with armband or bouquet.

It could be assumed that the ratepayers were satisfied, it was felt, at least, as one councillor suggested, until something went wrong.

Trim Irricana 4-3 In In'mediate Hockey

Tuesday night the Intermediate Hockey Club journeyed to Crossfield to meet the Irricana Club in the first game of the first play-off series. The local team won the game, score 4-3. Goals were scored by Clayton (2), McLaughlin and Kimmett.

Motions were passed with a view to enlarging the Vestry of the Church, to relieve overcrowded conditions for the Choir, and to increasing the Rector's stipend.

HOCKEY CLUB PLANS ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Plans were announced early this week for the Annual Ice Carnival sponsored by the Junior Hockey Club to raise funds to finance its activities for the year.

A popular adjunct of the carnival is the contest for Queen of the Carnival, and this year's queens are being sponsored by three local organizations. These candidates are Enid Baldwin for the Strathmore School, Gwen Tew for the Canadian Legion, and Mary Fonger for the Strathmore Lions. Tickets will be sold by each of the groups for their Queens, and each ticket adds to the points for their particular candidate. Highest points will decide the Queen of the Carnival, and the other two contestants will become ladies-in-waiting to the Queen.

A highly popular feature in years past, this year's carnival is planned to be in keeping with the high standard set by other executives.

COMING EVENTS

A Valentine's Dance will be held in Cluny Community Hall, Friday, February 14th. Randy Bretton's Orchestra.

WORK LIKELY TO START IMMEDIATELY

Town Ready to Drill Well

Reports were received at the Council Meeting on Tuesday night on the cost of drilling a full well, and leaving the casing in, should the well prove satisfactory. This information had been requested by the Council following receipt of estimates based on a smaller well, from which the casing would be drawn. Their second request was on the supposition that sufficient water might be obtained to justify drilling a full well.

It was reported by the contractors that, whereas a test well covering both the 125 and 300 feet estimated horizons would cost in the neighborhood of \$11,000, including testing, it would cost approximately \$2400.00 to drill a full well with casing outside diameter of 8 3/4". This would also include the testing for quantity of water, and quality.

It is apparent, therefore, that if the test well were drilled, and proved satisfactory, a full well would still have to be drilled, and \$1,000 would have been spent. On the other hand, were a full well drilled and tested, in the event it proved insufficient, and another well had to be drilled, \$1,000 would be available to offset the cost. It thus appeared that the Council was faced with a gamble of \$1,000 to \$1,400.

On the basis that no well had been drilled in town without being successful, and that most of them gave evidence of unfulfilling quantities, the Council decided that it was justified in going ahead with the full well. Approval was therefore given, and arrangements are now under way with the testing company.

It was learned Wednesday that it is likely, if arrangements can be made, the drilling company will be out late Thursday, since they are just finishing.

TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council met on Tuesday night with the Mayor and four Councillors present.

A report was received from Councillor Smith regarding the pruning of trees in town. While the weather has so far not permitted, he stated that he has toured the town with P. D. Hargreaves, of the Horticultural Station at Brooks, who had made suggestions with regard to the pruning. Further, Mr. Hargreaves had suggested that if the Town were following a tree-planting program, the Station would be prepared to plant and maintain 100 trees for every hundred that the town planted. This matter is receiving attention of the Town's committee now.

Insofar as the trees now growing are concerned, he suggested that if they received a thorough pruning this year, followed by another next year, that would be about all the attention these trees would require. The Town considered last year the advisability of cutting every alternate poplar, and replacing with a slower-growing, and more permanent type of tree.

A report was received on the taxes still in arrears. While the position is considered to be quite rosy, the Council.

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ing another test. The work is likely to take a month, and the town is lucky to have had sufficient drive in the Council to get ahead of two or three other towns all interested in the same thing, since this means two or three months in the drilling.

Citing the wells at the Irrigation Headquarters and the Supply Farm as outstanding examples, one Councillor felt that the Town would be quite safe in asking for a casing of only six inches, and could thereby save considerably more money. Since the hole would be only a little more than half the size of the hole for the 8 3/4" well, it is apparent that this would effect a considerable economy. The advice of both the consulting engineers and those of the drilling company is being sought on this matter, before finally proceeding.

COMING EVENTS

Regular Clinics for Infant and Pre-School Children are held by the Wheatland Health District from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Strathmore, the second and fourth Tuesday in each month. Crossland the second Friday in each month. Standard, the third Thursday in each month. Rockyford the third Friday in each month.

Office hours are from 9-12 a.m. each Saturday. 221f

Don't miss the annual Trail of '98 to be held in Standard Friday, February 14. Games, dances, costumes, Music by Hughes Orchestra. 316c

Masquerade! Sponsored by the Goon Club at Nightingale Hall, February 21, 1947. Prizes for best dressed lady and gent, also most comic lady and gent. Lunch provided.

Don't miss the big Valentine's Dance, Friday, February 14th, auspices as Strathmore Student's Council. Proceeds to Community Council. Three prizes to be raffled. 216c

The regular baby and pre-school clinic will be held Friday, February 21, in the school dormitory from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Miss M. Davis P.H. Nurse. Brooks will be in charge. 116c

Explorer Group will hold a tea in the United Church Memorial Room, February 8th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at a charge of 25 cents. 116c

A meeting of all interested in Handicrafts will be held in the Town Hall Tuesday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. Everyone interested is urged to attend. 2113

The Junior and Senior C.G.I.T. groups will hold a Valentine Tea in the Memorial Room of the United Church on February 15 at 3 p.m. Bake table as well. This is C.G.I.T. week, come out and support the girls in their work. 2113c

The next concert of the Musical Committee of the Strathmore Community Council will be held in the Dining Room of the Memorial Hall on Monday, February 17 at 8:15. This will be a variety program arranged by Mrs. Helen Boese of Calgary. Adults 50c, children 25c. 2113c

BOW VALLEY

Minutes of Meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Bow Valley No. 40 held in the Municipal Office, Strathmore, Monday, January 13th, 1947, commencing at 10:15 A.M. Present were James Harwood Reeve, and Councillors John A. MacArthur, Emory Jackson and W. H. Hartell. Reeve, J. Harwood explained that this meeting was called one day earlier than our regular meeting at the request of Deputy Reeve J. M. Wheatley who had an important meeting to attend our regular meeting day.

1180 JACKSON: moved that notice of meeting be waived and that this meeting constitute our regular meeting for the month of January 1947 scheduled for the 14th.

JACKSON: moved that the Imperial Oil Limited equipment loan agreement covering loan of 1-1,000 Gallon 3 Compartment Storage Tank valued at \$160.00 be approved. Carried.

Moved by 1185 JACKSON: that Councillor John A. MacArthur be excused from attending the next three meetings of this Council occasioned by his proposed vacation in the U.S.A. Carried.

Mr. Harwood then reported that T. D. 18 had been completely overhauled and that the repairs were \$1571.00 and the labor \$596.25.

1188 MACHINERY

OVERHAUL - HARTELL: moved that a complete overhaul be given our D.7 Cat. Model A. truck and that D.4 and Traxcavator be checked and rollers overhauled, that starting engine repair and odd repairs be done on No. 11 Road Patrol, elevating grader and blade grader. And that truck used by Field Supervisor, Ford 1/2 Ton, be sold at the ceiling price and the proceeds

Carried.

1189 Moved by JACKSON: that the cash statement for the month of December, 1946, be received and em-

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ICE CARNIVAL - Strathmore - Friday, Feb. 21

Cattle Grubs

Those heel flies that were chasing your cattle last summer laid eggs, and now the grubs hatched from those eggs are a source of discomfort and unhappiness to the cattle and consequent loss to the owner. In a few months they will be showing in the backs of the cattle - and it is only then that those grubs or warbles can be economically killed. Cattle treatment is a simple and highly profitable practice, probably saving a dollar for every penny spent. In spite of this, J. L. Eaglesham, Supervisor of Pest of Alberta Cattle producers under the Control, says that less than one-half

of Alberta Cattle producers make this saving by treating their cattle. The main reason that this important job is neglected is because the cattleman "just didn't get around to it," and another the difficulty of treating wild, range cattle by hand. The Square Deal district southeast of Hanna has bought a power spraying machine treating 1,000 head with it two years ago and 6,000 head last spring. A few other districts and ranchers have bought machines, but many more are needed to stop this heel fly link in cattle profits. Your District Agriculturist at Youngstown will be glad to give assistance to organize a district to buy a machine and suggestions regarding its operation.

RURAL GLEICHEN

Donald McArthur arrived home Tuesday night from a month's holiday visiting friends in eastern Canada.

The U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. which were to have met at McArthur's Thursday called off the meeting on account of bad weather.

Leroy Koefoed received word last week of the death of his sister Aurel, Mrs. J. B. Bayerl Long Beach, California. She was well known to the older residents of this district. Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters and three grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Monday night there was a Full-O-Pop show in the hall in Gleichen. It was very well attended and everyone had a grand time.

Tuesday evening Alberta Star Chapter No. 18 of Gleichen held their installation of officers. Mrs. S. J. Hilar of Calgary, Worthy Grand, was installing Officer. She was assisted by H. Chamney of Chancellor and Mrs. Mabel Armistage of Calgary. The officers installed were W. M. Mabel McIntyre, A. M. Etta Provise, A. P. W. James, Secretary Violet House, Treasurer Margaret McArthur, Con. Dorothy Koefoed, A. C. Betty James, Marshal, Nellie James, Organist, Velma MacBean, Adah, Marjorie Heenan, Ruth, Muriel Wright, Esther, Marnie McLean, Martha, May Summerville, Warder Mrs. Cooper, Sentinel, H. James.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown who were to be installed as W. P. and Elites were not able to be present. After installation, Mrs. Armistage put on a very beautiful addenda, and Mrs. McArthur sang "Abide with Me" accompanied by Mrs. F. House.

There were several cars of visitors from Chancellor and Husar. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Monday evening the members of the St. Andrews Church congregation met for a supper in the Masonic Hall. About forty were present to enjoy the sumptuous repast. Miss Audrey Jones played a piano solo, and presided at the piano for a sing song. Later a business meeting was held and Messrs. Haskayne, Horne, W. James, W. Moore and MacCallum were elected as officers.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Koefoed, Gwendolyn and Ann, and Mike Symanyk were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McArthur Sunday.

There will be Morning Prayer in St. Andrews Church on February 9 at 11 a.m. Conducted by the Rev. D. A. Ford, B. A.

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL MEETING

On Monday, January 27 approximately 50 parishioners of St. Andrew's Gleichen gathered in the Masonic Hall to partake of a delicious supper prepared by the ladies of the W. A., and to join in the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

After the supper the group joined in community singing, and enjoyed a piano solo by Miss Audrey James. After the reading of reports from the W. A., the Treasurer, and the Rector, the following were elected to office for the year 1947.

Rector's Warden: A. Horn
People's Warden: W. H. James
Secretary-Treasurer: A. F. MacCallum
Delegates to Synod: R. S. Haskayne

Harvey Bogatie
Alternates: A. Horn
A. F. MacCallum
Vestrymen: W. H. Moore
E. G. Ferguson
R. Robinson
Auditor: W. Phythian

Discussion was held as to the observance of the 60th Anniversary of St. Andrew's, and it was pointed out that there was provision in the funds

LANGDON

— By G. E. W. —

Owing to the extreme cold weather of last week the local club activities have been cancelled until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Page announce the birth of a young son Barry Michael, January 27th in the Grace Maternity hospital, Calgary. Both are doing well.

Mr. Chester Stevens has been confined to his home for the last week with an attack of bronchitis.

The children have found the going "pretty tough" these last few days on the way to and from school. Some from out of town decided that the best thing to do was to stay at home, until the weather broke. A welcome break for us all, this afternoon, when the sun was shining and the wind stopped blowing. Keep smiling, Spring is just around the corner.

Mr. Ray Wilson is again a patient in the Holy Cross hospital, we hope his stay in there will be short and that he

of the W. A. for the purchase of a new oil heater and for the improvement of the Church Grounds. A special vote of thanks was extended to the ladies of the W. A. for the delightful meal they served under the convensorship of Mrs. P. Deshayes.

will be home again with his family very soon.

Mr. Chad Weststrom of Indus was taken to Calgary yesterday and is now a patient in the General Hospital, we hope that he is resting comfortably and that we will have a further report this week.

There seem to be several of the little folks with colds, Norma Kernaghan has been quite sick. Alfrid Kernchankus is home from school with sore throat.

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FEB. 7 & 8
"NIGHT AND
DAY"
Cary Grant,
Alexis Smith

FRI. & SAT.
FEB. 14 and 15
"LADY'S MAN"
Eddy Bracken,
Cass Daley

HIRTLES

Under The Street Lamp

by PAT O'HOOLEY

After Doctor John, called to a house to attend a confinement, had been up stairs a few minutes, he came down and asked the husband: "Have you got a corkscrew?" He was given one and went up stairs. A few minutes elapsed... he came down and asked: "Got a screwdriver?" He was given one and went up stairs. A few minutes later he came down again and asked for a chisel and mallet.

"Good gracious, doctor," the worried husband asked, "is it a boy or a girl?" "Don't know yet," replied Doctor John. "Can't get my medicine kit open."

We haven't been in Carseland for some little time, but apparently it hasn't altered much. Blair Field died there not long ago and passed to another world. He was strolling around one day when another old Carseland-

er, Benny McKinnon, accosted him, saying "Hello, Blair, old chap; how are you making out?"

"Very well indeed," was Blair's reply. "I tell you, Heaven is much better than Carseland."

"Heaven!" exclaimed Benny. "My dear man, this isn't Heaven."

"We hear it from Jimmy Nesbitt: 'Little girls like all-day suckers. Big girls like one each evening.' Sitting in the Memorial Hall waiting for the concert to start, Jack Bremner, seeing Frankie Cock in front of him looking at his watch, bent forward and asked: 'Does it tell the time?'"

"No," answered Frankie, "you have to look at it."

Bus Garriot: "We're coming to a tunnel. Are you afraid?" Mrs. Garriot: "Not if you take that clear out of your mouth."

There is a shortage of \$,700 trained nurses in Canada.

Sixteen Canadians die from tuberculosis daily... as many children die during the first year of life as during the next 30 added together.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

By R. J. Deachman.

They have had a tough winter in the West. The explanations, now coming, have about them a touch of awe and majesty.

Senator Buchanan of the Lethbridge Herald, said it coming three or four months ago and sent out storm signals. Now he sits back in his office and describes the scene, making clear, of course, that this is a wholly abnormal condition for Southern Alberta one must go back 40 years to find a parallel.

Among other things he mentions 70 inches of snow. If I were living there now I would be up to my eyebrows in snow. 25 degrees below zero is not quite so rare. The blocked roads and dwindling haystacks, to which he refers, are serious matters. With his desk still above the drifts he surveys the scene and exclaims: "We are not alone, 7 inches of snow in one day and a temperature of 4 degrees above zero in Vancouver; Tacoma, 15 inches of snow; 7 above zero in San Antonio, Texas, with ice in New Orleans." Believe it or not I attended farm meetings in country schools in Southern Alberta one February and we didn't even bother to put on fires.

NEARER THE POLE

Up in Edmonton the spirit is different. To read the Edmonton Journal one would think that the City of the North was favored by Providence.

"So far, and we shiver and touch wood as we write it, Alberta has not fared ill. Its winter has been freakish, with chinooks making themselves felt with unusual frequency in the northern half of the province. Southern Alberta had a lot of snow some weeks ago, but has seen a good deal of it melt away."

Then the Editor points out that other places have had a hard time:

"The Regina Leader-Post ran an eight column line this week: 'Province just one big snowdrift.' The same day, the Winnipeg Free Press, in similarly large type, proclaimed that a snowstorm had tied up Manitoba."

It even points out that in Toronto and district 1700 telephone poles went down in sleet and ice storms. Tut, tut, what is George Drew doing, that never happened under Hepburn, he would have melted the snow!

In Ottawa we have had a delightful winter. On no occasion has it been cold. There has been a bit of snow but in this city we have magnificent equipment for removing it. Let Tacoma, Vancouver and San Antonio wallow in the drifts we pick them up and put them on the dump. The snow-fighting machinery gets busy during the night and when the average citizen goes to work at 7:45, 9:30 or 10 a.m. depending on whether he is a \$5 citizen or a \$1 citizen—the streets are clear, maybe even the sidewalks are bright and everything is as happy and as merry as a day in June, but the cost of breakfast has been upped five cents since we went to sleep.

Ah, well, I know the West. I lived there 21 years, most of them in Alberta. It is a lovely land both summer and winter. The hot days are rare and when they come, one feels a cooling breeze along the edges of the heat. The climate is a bit erratic, it doesn't always keep its promises. Still there is something about Alberta, its climate and its people which makes it always a delightful picture to hang on memory's wall. It is fate not choice that keeps me away from it. So long Alberta, I shall keep my face turned towards you. I love you with all my heart.

CHANCELLOR NOTES

Mr. Frank Giberson is reported to be doing very well in the General Hospital.

Jack Allen was hit by a street car in Calgary while driving to the hospital to visit his father. \$50.00 damage was done to his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Krabsen are rejoicing over the birth of a baby daughter in Drumheller hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Madsen and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley attended the installation of Officers O.E.S. at Gleichen on Tuesday.

At a cribbage game between C. V. Madsen and A. Johansen two very exceptional hands were held. C. V. Madsen dealt Mr. Johansen four Queens a five turning up. Next hand Charlie put two Queens in the crib Andrew putting in the same, again a five was turned up.

Mr. G. M. Purdy is very sick and Dr. Fletcher had to be called on Monday morning. The menfolk shoveled out

ACQUITANIA BRINGS LAST CANADIAN TROOPS HOME

Halifax, January — The Aquitania docked here January 21 with the last Canadian contingent from overseas. It required seven special trains to carry the troops and war brides home across Canada.

C. N. R. men recall the biggest home coming of all was in October, 1945, when the Elizabeth docked with 12,000 troops. They went out in 27 special trains, one every hour. The Ile de France required 23 trains to handle her capacity. All told the Canadian National carried 1,200,000 troops on their way to war or home through this port. It meant 3,000 special trains with 50,000 cars involved.

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the snowdrifts to let him through. Mr. Purdy had to be taken to the hospital in Calgary.

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Improved highways also enable the farmer to do his shopping and other business much more economically and pleasantly. They are a great boon to the farmer's wife and family.

The recently announced \$9,500,000 program of the Alberta Government for 1947, if carried out and repeated over a period of years, should have a marked influence in improving the motor transportation in all parts of the Province and be of particular benefit to all rural citizens, especially farmers.

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HOT LUNCHES

The recent cold snap brought it out even more noticeably than before . . . there is a large group of students coming to the school in town each day from country points, who have to bring their lunches with them.

These lunches could be considerably improved if facilities were available whereby they could supplement it with something hot . . . It need not be soup, necessarily, but even warm milk or cocoa, would considerably improve a cold lunch, which, even with the best planning in the world, must surely become dull day after day.

We don't know who should look after the matter . . . the Home and School might, the local School Board might . . . however we feel that some improvement in the lunches eat-

en by the students could easily be accomplished. It shouldn't be at all hard to heat a couple of kettles through the noon hour, and there is probably nothing which would so much improve the meal.

There is no reason why the work should devolve upon the teacher who is on noon duty. There are enough senior students who are quite capable of taking the matter in hand, to relieve the teacher of any burden. The students, organized, might easily accomplish the work themselves.

For that matter, the Student's Council might find this a worthwhile activity to further strengthen their position. Many members of the Council itself are rural themselves, and can appreciate the need.

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE

We've said often before that we feel that what this country needs is more people to settle it. And we're in favour of the Dominion Government opening the doors to a large number of immigrants.

But a letter from the Standard Branch of the Canadian Legion early this week made us think a little, too. We've never suggested we were in favour of uncontrolled immigration, and we didn't mean that to be inferred.

In the main, we favour very few strings. It seems to us that if we accept one thousand settlers, then some of them are going to be fine people, and some of them are going to be poor citizens, and most of them are going to be just average, run-of-the-mill people like most of the rest of us are. And much the same proportions will apply if we take in a hundred thousand, or a million.

But we feel it would be a mistake to take in large groups of people who intend to locate in settlements. We have many of them today; Mennonite, Hutterite, Doukhobor. Just to start off

with. And we don't feel that these "settlement citizens" have become good Canadians. They tend not to be assimilated; not to take on the characteristics of this country, but to remain just as much a part of the old land, as if the time-machine of Alamy and Doctor Womack had left them transfixed in time. They're static.

Not that we don't sympathize with the tendency of strangers in our land to congregate with people who speak their own tongue, whose habits are similar. In Hungary, for instance, so would no doubt seek out the English speaking population. And we might even try to form a settlement. But that wouldn't make us good Hungarians.

Canada is already split by too many of these small groups to prejudice her position by allowing this wedge to be driven further. Unless our settlers are prepared to adopt our customs and habits (but not necessarily citizenship at five dollars each) we feel they would be poor assets.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

No ratepayers turned out to the Annual Meeting of the Town held Tuesday night.

Presumably the ratepayers are all satisfied with the tenor of the Town's government . . . they feel there is no reason for their turning out as long as things are going along smoothly.

Still, the Mayor and the Councillors, who turn out many times in the year, and who spend altogether many days apart from the meetings on Town business, would like to see what some of the people look like, and to hear what they're thinking . . . only once a year.

Even if it's only a matter of form, too, they do like to hear the vote of thanks given at the usual ratepayer's meeting. So in lieu of any meeting, and possibly because we know something of the hours they have been spending over the Town's business, and in particular, over the new water problem which is getting to be almost a full time job in some cases, and also because we appreciate a great deal of the very fine job they have been doing, we'd like at this time to thank the Mayor and Councillors for their efforts and their time during the past year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,

Dear Sir or Madame:—

The following Resolution was passed by the Local Branch of the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L. in Standard Res. Mennonite Settlers in Canada:—

Resolution

WHEREAS it has been reliably reported by the Canadian press and radio that several thousand Mennonite settlers are shortly to be brought to Canada from Europe,

And WHEREAS this is serious to our national unity,

And WHEREAS these people do not adopt the language and customs of our country or contribute to our cultural heritage,

And WHEREAS because of a generally lower standard of living and a colonial economic system bordering on economic slavery for their young people within the colony, they are a serious threat to free enterprise within the farming community, frequently buying land at prices which render competition impossible.

And WHEREAS because they do not contribute physically toward the defense of Canada during hostilities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Federal Government take immediate steps to absolutely refuse entrance to this or any other group of such nature both now and in the future.

LACK OF TEACHERS

The Editor,

The Strathmore Standard.

Dear Sir,

1. All the signs are pointing to a big debate on Education while the Legislature is sitting. And all the signs indicate that the Minister of Education will tell us there is not enough money to give the school children a fair break.

Without criticizing anybody's personal tastes, I think it fair to report that the people of Alberta can find \$25,000,000 a year to pay for hard liquor, wines, beer and permits in a single year. According to the Alberta Educational Council they can find something like \$18,000,000 a year to pay for cigars, cigarettes and tobacco. So far they can only find \$14,000,000 to spend on educating their children.

It does not make sense. The Minister can give us almost any argument he likes about the collapsed education, but we ask him please not to tell us again that we haven't the money.

2. When are we going to scrap this new system of "Supervisors" that is creeping into our rural schools? Nobody wants to speak unkindly about the young boys and girls who are taking care of the schools and the pupils during this disastrous teacher famine, but it must be realized that they are quite untrained, and no more use as teachers than they would be as stenographers without training. There isn't a business man in our cities who would hire an untrained Grade 10 girl as a stenographer. It would be the height of stupidity. So why should we continue to exercise the same degree of stupidity in the management of our schools and the instruction of our children?

Does the Government realize that education has never fallen as low as this in 25 years? In the last post-war period we were able to get a thousand students into our Normal Schools. We can't do it today. Get at the underlying causes and remove them, before a bad mess gets worse.

Yours Sincerely,
 Jennie M. Elliott.

Wheat Board Future

(The Lethbridge Herald)

One of the problems of particular interest to western farmers is the future of the Wheat Board. Can controls be abolished without abolishing the Wheat Board? Do farmers want the Wheat Board abolished? If they want to maintain it as a state-sponsored grain selling organization, has parliament the power to keep it in existence after emergency war powers of the government are abolished?

There is some doubt about the government having the legal right to grant such powers as the Wheat

Board now has in peacetime. It is recalled that the Bennett government secured the passage of the Natural Products Marketing Act in the early thirties. This act was declared ultra vires by the courts. The war is over, and emergency powers given the government during the war are being wiped out. Under what legislation will the Wheat Board be able to continue to function? That, no doubt, will be one of the big problems before the House of Commons at the coming session.

—The Budget.

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His Excellency, Field Marshal, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, is seen in the robes of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of which he is Grand Prior in Canada. His Excellency is patron

PHOTO BY KARSH

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOTES - January

NORTH AND SOUTH EROSION CONTINUES—A reminder that the fibre and organic matter of our soils must be replenished without delay comes from Southern Alberta where soil drifting is again under way. With little snow cover over wide areas serious loss of top soil is likely to occur before spring. Soil drifting is the result of previous neglect, says R. J. Mather, Supervisor of Soil Conservation for the Alberta Department of Agriculture. It warns that more trash cover must be maintained in future is disaster is to be avoided.

Emergency methods are called for now and these may take the form of spreading straw or manure, or listing with a one-way disc with two out of three discs removed. At this time of year the use of the one-way will be effective only on those days when the chinook winds have sufficiently thawed the soil surface.

Farmers in Northern and Central Alberta may have a sense of security with the soil safely covered by snow. It's wise not to be too complacent. Losses of fibre in these areas will show plainly when the spring run-off cuts into the soil. In the Province as a whole, says Mr. Mather, greater losses have occurred during the past few years from water erosion than from soil drifting.

OBITUARIES

Old-time residents of Strathmore will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Patience Annie McElhoes, widow of the late Frank T. McElhoes, of 2945 Gravely Street, Vancouver, passed away January 10, 1947, in her 71st year. Mr. and Mrs. McElhoes years ago occupied what is now the Van Tighem home.

She is survived by six sons, Merle, of Los Angeles; Waldo, of Winnipeg; Gordon, of Ontario; Robert, Vancouver; Murray, of Vancouver; 1 daughter Mrs. C. H. Giffen, City; 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Funeral service in Mount Pleasant Undertaking Co. Chapel, Monday, January 13, at 2:15 p.m., to Ocean View Burial Park. Rev. W. Mussen officiating.

Hy-Way Hank



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CLUNY By A. E. C.

Cluny United Church W. A. met at the home of Mrs. J. Goldsmith Tuesday afternoon, February 4th. Plans were made for a Bazaar, Tea, and home-cooking sale, to be held at a later date.

The Cluny Board of Trade held its regular meeting in the committee room of the New Community Hall with a good attendance. With Vice-President, E. L. Inman in the chair, regular business, as well as laying plans to bring in outside speakers, at a later date, subjects to be chosen by the community, was discussed very thoroughly.

At the annual meeting of the United Church in Cluny, G. W. Beattie, A. Provise, and F. S. Fairbourn were returned to the Board by acclamation, and an added member in the person of



Church Notes

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11:00 a. m. Sunday School
7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer
St. Andrew's, Gleichen.
11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer.
Under the Streetlamp.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, STANDARD
—M. Jorgensen, Pastor—

Friday, February 7, 8:00 The Sunday School teachers will meet in the home of Willy Myrth.
Saturday, February 8, 2:30 Confirmation Class.
Sunday, February 9,
10:30 Services, English.
12:00 Sunday School and Bible Class
3:00 Services at the Sunny Range
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W. L. Gordon was elected. The meeting was held January 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Inman.



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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Olive C. Jones who passed away February 6, 1946.
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Many a silent tear,
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Farming News

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KILL THOSE CATTLE GRUBS

Cattle are long suffering creatures, says J. L. Englehorn, Supervisor of Pest Control. They bear their irritations with little or no outward show of emotion. The voracious cattle grub, however, knows the discomfort suffered by an animal carrying a load of heel fly grubs. He knows, too, that if he does not treat his cattle to control the grubs they will cost him money in loss of flesh and reduced milk flow.

Cattle are factories producing beef or milk depending on the type. If the routine is upset as a result of internal irritations these factories cannot be expected to produce as they should. The investment of the small amount of money and labour necessary to correct the situation shows good judgment, particularly since the owner knows full well that the result will be normal production next season.

Treat those cattle as soon as the warble lumps appear urges Mr. Englehorn. Treat your cattle as they should be treated and they will repay you many times over for the comfort your treatment achieves. Treatment for cattle grubs is both humane and profitable.

ALBERTA JUNIORS SHOW RESULTS

Representing almost every section of Alberta, farm young people from areas extending from the United States Border to the Peace River Country, sent samples of grain to the Junior Seed Fair at Calgary recently and gave a splendid account of themselves. Over 350 samples of wheat, oats, barley and flax were exhibited. Many compliments were received for the excellence of the display. Samples were mounted on triangle stands and suitable posters framed the background. G. S. Black, Supervisor of Junior Activities, reports that the top samples were so outstanding that they would have made a very creditable showing at either Toronto or Chicago.

There were forty-two entries in the open wheat class, and fifty samples of oats were shown. Among the winners was Tillie J. Elluk of Hairy Hill. This young lady not only won the gold watch given by the Canada Malting Company, but won first in the registered or certified class, first in flax and second in oats — an outstanding win at any show. Eric Axelsson of Wayne won the Wheat Pool gold watch for the best sample of wheat.

and the trophy for the club member having the best sample of wheat. Lena Skaldina of Andrew, won the gold watch presented by the United Grain Growers' Limited for the best sample of oats. Stanley Pavlovski of Vilna won the championship in feed barley, entitling him to the gold watch presented by the Line Elevators Farm Service.

Championships were won by Wayne Junior Wheat Club, the Northern Valley Junior Out Club, the Abco Junior Barley Club for feed barley, and the Stony Plain Club for malting barley.

MORE FLAX NEEDED

When planning the sowing of this season's crops don't overlook flax, advises A. M. Wilson, Field Crops Commissioner for the Alberta Department of Agriculture. The acreage of flax has declined in recent years. This has been due to some extent to an all out effort towards food production and the fact that the price relationship between wheat and flax has favoured wheat growing. With the improvement in the wheat situation and the possibility of too much wheat being grown, an increased acreage of flax is worthy of consideration.

When planted on clean land, flax can be grown equally as well as wheat, oats and barley. Since flax is not susceptible to sawfly damage it may well prove a more desirable crop than wheat in the sawfly areas. Clean seed is essential and farmers who wish to grow this crop should assure themselves of seed supplies without delay.

NET WORTH STATEMENTS

Appearing in a recent issue of "Farm Business Notes", a publication of the University Farm, St. Paul, Minnesota, is an item by Truman R. Nodland on the value to the farmer of net worth statements.

"A net worth statement shows the financial status of a farmer at a particular time," says Mr. Nodland. "A comparison of two or more net worth statements shows his financial progress during a period of time. An increase in net worth from one inventory date to another means the farmer is getting ahead financially and is making savings. The savings may be in the form of more capital, stocks, bonds, cash, or a decrease in liabilities."

AN EARLY TOMATO FOR ALBERTA

A number of years ago it was very difficult to obtain ripe tomatoes in the home garden in Alberta. Only the most experienced gardener was able to bring forth one or two ripe trusses of this highly prized fruit on the occasional plant.

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NAMAKA NOTES

— By Mrs. E. B. —

Kenny Watts of Calgary visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watts over the week-end.

Mr. J. P. Lawrie of Manitoba was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomson for a short while.

Miss Rose Moss is spending some time with her grandfather at Arrowood.

The W.A. will meet at Mrs. Moss' home on February 13th.

Miss Jean Kernack spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kernack. The school teachers have had several days holiday during the cold weather as it was impossible for the pupils to attend school.

Mr. H. Newell will leave by plane on Friday for Ontario to visit his mother and other relatives whom he has not seen for nineteen years. We wish him the best of luck on his trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Wheeler left last Saturday for Tompkins Saskatchewan owing to the death of her father, Mr. Peterson. We extend our sympathy in their great loss.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thomson have left for Idaho to spend some time with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Peterson.

Christian Science

The Lesson-Sermon in Christian Science churches on Sunday will be devoted to the theme, "Spirit." Here are typical passages which will be read: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." (John 6: 63). "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit. The flesh and Spirit can no more unite in action, than good can coincide with evil." (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 167).

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Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. L. Coulter are busy moving into the former Jack Oldham house in Hoffman Heights. Mr. Coulter is employed at Baldwin's.

Mrs. McMurray, Miss Nellie West and Mrs. Hamilton are attending the Presbyterial Meeting of the W.M.S. of Alberta being held in Calgary.

Mrs. F. Kennedy returned last week from a visit of five weeks with her sister in Vancouver who is in poor health.

Miss Mary Van Verdeggen of Glenora is employed at Hansen's Cafe, following Miss Dolly Saunders, who left a short time ago.

Worship from Mrs. Stickney, who is nursing at the home of Mrs. Glendinning, this week, is to the effect that Mrs. Glendinning is coming along very nicely these days and showing great improvement.

School students had a couple of days holiday over the recent storms since buses could not make their way to school, and the order went out to close down.

Miss Violet Johnson has arrived in town, and is busy clerking in the Co-op store. It was announced at the annual meeting that she had been posted to this branch.

Bob Milligan was snowbound, or rather car-bound, during part of the storm last week end, when ice formed in his fuel system, and kept the float valve wide open. He was stuck for about three days and about Hussar and Standard.

Spence Hughes escaped rather lightly on Tuesday when his car was sideswiped by another car going north on the Edmonton Trail. Spence himself was not hurt, but he is most upset over what happened to his nice new fenders and doors.

Following postponement twice because of weather, the Lions Charter Night is to be held Thursday night, February 6th.

The Scout-Cub father and son banquet planned for last Friday night was called off because of the storm. It is hoped to arrange it at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick left Wednesday to spend the week in Revelstoke with Mr. and Mrs. George Patrick.

Mrs. Ralph Martin invited a number of wee tots Wednesday to make merry with her small son Brian on the occasion of his Fifth Birthday. Needless to say a happy time was enjoyed by all. There were ten guests present.

We hope Mrs. Harry Freeman will soon fully recover from an infected arm from which she is suffering at present.

Miss Jean Garrett is off duty for a couple of days suffering from a badly scalded foot.

Following an absence of a few months, Miss Georgina Koch is again employed as stenographer at the District Agriculturist's office.

Mrs. Albert Mercer was taken to the Holy Cross Thursday morning suffering from double pneumonia.

TOWN COUNCIL

It would like to improve the matter, still it should be easier to collect money than it has been in the past, and may be in the future, and also since a clear position when bonds are floated for water will improve the terms obtainable.

It was reported that nominations had been received for L. A. Roberts and Georges Fairly, and consequently these two councillors would continue in office.

The matter of streetlights being out was mentioned . . . there being five lights out at the present time, and it was reported that the time switch must be out of order since the remainder were burning night and day. The secretary was instructed to get in touch with the Calgary Power representative, Mr. Easton, and have him rectify conditions.

A complaint was received from one ratepayer concerning the dumping of hot ashes against fences at night. Discussion was given the matter, and while the Council felt that it certainly was not wise to dump ashes against the fence, one Councillor pointed out that the laneway was narrow, and asked where else they might put them. This was considered a logical point. However, the lack of common sense in dumping red ashes in the wind at night was certainly deplored. It was suggested that the Town Policeman be instructed to rouse householders, on finding such ashes, and point out the condition to them, together with insisting that they be put out. There is no sense, it was agreed, in having Constable Wilkinson himself put out the ashes, this only leads to repetition of the same practice.

A suggestion was received that the blade on the tractor was not sufficient for moving the snow we had had . . . it is not intended as a snow plow, but as a drift mover. In view of the fact that it had been very difficult to move the last fall of snow, and that there is very often a late fall of snow which is very heavy, it was suggested that the Council make inquiries into the price of a snow plow turned out for this machine. (The Standard learned on Wednesday that a price of \$208 had been quoted, for a V-type plow, and as it was felt it would be hard to improve on this price at any time, the plow was ordered, and may be available in lots of time for the snow remaining for this winter.)

M.D. BOW VALLEY

Carried. 1191. MacARTHUR, moved that a special fee of \$10.00 be paid to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts to help defray expenses of an Educational Publicity Campaign.

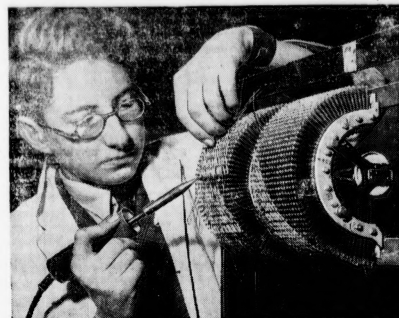
Carried. 1192. Moved by JACKSON that we give our consent to the leasing of the road allowance East of the E. 26-23-1, by James Nelson of Carleton Place, Alta.

Carried. 1194. RATEPAYERS AND NOMINATION MEETING. JACKSON moved that Ratepayers' and Nomination Meeting be held in the Legion Hall, Strathmore, Saturday, February 15, 1947. STRATHMORE. Moved by HARTILL that we make application to the Town of Strathmore by way of undertaking to connect our office premises for water and sewer service within one year from the date of inauguration of sewer and water service in Town and with the understanding that the charge in respect to these premises will be: For water \$3.50, per month, for sewer \$2.25, per month and an annual frontage tax of \$10.00, per annum.

Carried. BY-LAW No. 71 covering purchase of 14 Ton Fargo Truck \$1292.50, Hauler and front shield \$35.10, Trailer \$212.00 was read twice.

Chains also were suggested for the tractor, since they would help now, and will probably be necessary in the spring mud. Inquiries will be made into the possibilities either of buying chains complete, or of having them made up from logging chains, and

cross chains. Accounts amounting to \$427 were assessed. More was discussed on the water question. This is fully reported in the story on waterworks elsewhere in this issue.



BRITAIN'S MECHANICAL BRAIN

Experts of Britain's National Physical Laboratory are building a Mechanical Brain. The machine is called the Ace, the Automatic Computing Engine, it is claimed that the machine will solve in a few seconds problems

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